Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, as Deputy Chairman of KVS has been notified.

Ernakulam Court's Disapproval to KVS Policy

245. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite an Ernakulam's Court disapproving of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan policy of labelling the 'senior-most at the station in his cadre' as surplus and posting him out, the Sangathan is still persisting with the said policy, and

(b) if so, the justification and legality thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) No Sir, neither the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala nor the Ernakulam Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal has so far 'disapproved' the KVS transfer policy. However, the Ernakulam Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal had expressed certain views in OA No. 909/99 regarding identification of surplus teachers. The correct position was brought to the notice of the Ernakulam Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal. The applicant has since withdrawn his application from the Hon'ble Tribunal.

Railway's Revised Safety Panel's Recommendations

246. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Railway's revised safety panel's recommendations to reduce accidents; and

(b) the action taken for their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a Retd. Judge of Supreme Court, has submitted Part-I of

their Report. Part-II of their Report is yet to be received. In Part-I the Committee has made 150 recommendations.

(b) It is proposed to take action on those recommendations, which will be accepted by the Government Implementation of many of them depends on the availability of funds and resources.

Report of Justice Khanna Commission on Rail Safety

247. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered/examined report of Justice Khanna Commission on Safety in Railways, indicating which of the recommendations have been accepted so far by the Ministry;

(b) whether any allocations have been made during 1999-2000 to upgrade railway signals, telecommunications track maintenance, hardware etc.; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a Retd. Judge of Supreme Court has submitted Part-I of their Report. Part-II of their Report is yet to be received. In Part-I, the Committee has made 150 recommendations.

Examination of 114 recommendations have been completed so far. Out of 114 recommendations 97 recommendations have been accepted and 17 have been partially accepted and their implementation is being done in phases subject to availability of resources.

(b) Yes, Sir. The following allocations have been made during the